

utility and charity. Summing up in one sentence what he had been enforcing, he said the secret of all noble life was in belief, and the characteristic of all noble minds in the vigor with which they believed that which was true. Prize strength, love the beautiful, practice self denial, and be patient. Let them resolve to elevate themselves to the promotion of the whole science, art, and charity of medicine. Let that resolve be to them as a vow of brotherhood, and may God help them in their work.

The opening of McGill Medical College this session was inaugurated by an introductory lecture by Dr. Joseph Workman, of Toronto, one of the oldest graduates of the institution. His lecture, which is published in full in the *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal*, was in his usual happy vein. It will also be of value in connection with the early history of the school. In the first part of his address he alluded in fitting terms to the founders of the school. The students of the present day next came in for a share of his attention, in which he cautioned them, while in pursuit of the practical, not to forget or overlook their scientific and classical studies. "Show me," said he, "a man who is fond of botany, zoology, or geology, and I will feel assured he will never be an idler." He also referred to the rich literary treasures to be found in a study of the Romance languages. He then alluded to the munificent donations and bequests which have been given by the wealthy people of Montreal to their Universities, and deplored the fact that ours in Toronto have fallen heir to nothing from the dead and very little from the living. In conclusion, he referred in fitting terms to the memory of departed friends and fellow-students of McGill College, some of whom had left behind them noble records of good deeds.

The Montreal School of Medicine, emerging from the trials of the past summer, opened with more than usual joy and éclat. The president, Dr. D'Orsennens, gave the introductory lecture, in which he alluded in stirring terms to the difficulties through which the school had so successfully passed, and paid a glowing and enthusiastic tribute of respect and thankfulness to the Sovereign Pontiff, who so kindly listened to their cry of distress, and replied in a manner so prompt and paternal. Moreover, the sending from Rome of an apostolic delegate to Canada was, for the school, a sure guar-

antee of a still more perfect re-establishment, and the proof that it will be forever now, even in the eyes of ecclesiastical authority, established on a solid and immovable basis.

In Bishop's College and Laval Medical School no special introductory lectures were given this year, but the classes re-assembled as usual on the opening day. In the Western University Medical School, London, the session was opened by an able and instructive lecture by Dr. Bucke, of the London Asylum. The lecturer alluded in hopeful terms of the prospects of this comparatively new school. From the Kingston Medical School the only report we have is of the opening of the Women's Medical College, the introductory of which was delivered by Dr. Lavell. This school has been established on a good financial basis, and the attendance of students is encouraging to the faculty. The Toronto Women's Medical College was opened by an introductory lecture by Dr. Barrett, the President, in the presence of the Mayor and a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Speeches were also delivered by the Mayor, Mr. Beaty, M.P., and Principal Caven. The attendance is small, but great hope is expressed in the future of the school. We have had no report from the Halifax Medical School, which opened as usual on the first of October, with a fair quota of students.

The attendance of students at the various schools is much above the average this year. In Toronto alone, there are nearly 400 students in the two schools, 235 being the number registered in Trinity Medical School.

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It again becomes our painful duty to announce the death of one of Canada's oldest and most respected physicians, Dr. James A. Sewell, of Quebec, who died on the 2nd ult., at the advanced age of 73 years. He was a son of Chief Justice Sewell, and was born in Quebec, in 1810, where he received his early education. After receiving his professional education in Edinburgh, where he graduated in 1833, he settled in his native city, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession for upwards of half a century. He was also actively engaged in medical teaching in connection with Laval Medical School, of which he was